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In re Patent Application for:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONSIDERING DIAGONAL WIRING IN
PLACEMENT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/6/02, please amend the patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 5-6 in the specification with the following amended paragraph.

A1 --Figure 10, which is presented on two separate sheets labeled **Figure 10A** and **10B**, illustrates a process for generating a wirelength estimate according to a bounding-box method of the invention.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 8-9 in the specification with the following